

APPENDIX D

SCOUT PLATOON SOP

The following outline is based on the scout platoon SOP detailed in FKSM 17-98-3. Combined with the relevant higher headquarters SOP and specifics of the scout platoon's situation, it is a guide that each platoon leader can use to develop a thorough working SOP. FKSM 17-98-3 contains additional details.

I. GENERAL.

This section includes statements covering the purpose, scope, and distribution of the SOP.

II. COMMAND AND CONTROL.

a. Organization.

- (1) The CFV scout platoon maybe organized into a 2-team, 3-team, or 6-vehicle organization based on the factors of METT-T.
- (2) The HMMWV scout platoon maybe organized into a 2-team, 3-team, 4-team, or 8-squad organization based on METT-T factors.

b. Succession of Command.

- (1) In the CFV scout platoon, the succession is as follows: platoon leader, PSG, A team leader, B team leader.
- (2) In the HMMWV scout platoon, the succession is as follows: platoon leader, PSG, A team leader, B team leader, C team leader, D team leader.

c. Troop-Leading Procedures.

- (1) Receive and analyze the mission.
- (2) Issue the warning order.
- (3) Make a tentative plan.
- (4) Initiate movement.
- (5) Conduct reconnaissance.

- (6) Complete the plan.
- (7) Issue the order.
- (8) Supervise and refine.

d. Orders.

- (1) The orders group consists of the following: PSG, team leaders, gunners from platoon leader's and PSG's vehicle, squad leaders, and all attached section leaders.
- (2) Warning order.
- (3) Operation order. The OPORD is issued in the five-paragraph format (see Figure D-1).
- (4) Fragmentary order.

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces.
- b. Friendly forces.
- c. Attachments and detachments.

2. MISSION. This paragraph contains the elements of WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and WHY.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of the operation.

- (1) Maneuver.
- (2) Fires.
- (3) Engineers.
- (4) Other operational functions.

b. Tasks to teams.

- (1) Deliberate dismounted patrols.
- (2) Search and EPW teams.
- (3) NBC teams.
- (4) Obstacle reconnaissance and/or breaching teams.
- (5) Route evaluation teams.

Figure D-1. Five-paragraph OPORD format.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT.

- a. General. Organization, location, and movement of trains.
- b. Materials and services.
 - (1) Supply. Classes I, II, III, IV, and V and LOGPAC instructions.
 - (2) Transportation, including main supply route (MSR).
 - (3) Services (if available).
 - (4) Maintenance.
- c. MEDEVAC and hospitalization.
- d. Personnel, including EPWs.
- e. Miscellaneous.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Command.
- b. Signal.

Figure D-1. Five-paragraph OPORD format (continued).

e. Communications.

f. Terrain Index Reference System.

g. Security Readiness Conditions. REDCONs are the following:

- (1) REDCON-1 (full alert).
- (2) REDCON-2 (full alert/engines off).
- (4) REDCON-3 (reduced security).
- (5) REDCON-4 (preparation phase/minimum security).

h. Attachments and Detachments.

III. TACTICAL OPERATIONS.

a. Precombat Operations.

- (1) To ensure combat readiness, conduct precombat inspections of soldiers and equipment in accordance with unit SOP.
- (2) Back-brief key leaders and soldiers.
- (3) Conduct rehearsals.
- (4) Conduct necessary training on mission-critical tasks.
- (5) Conduct LOGPAC operations.
- (6) Refine the plan as required.
- (7) Develop and rehearse contingencies.
- (8) Conduct necessary coordination with adjacent, higher, attached, OPCON, and supporting units.
- (9) Execute specified REDCON levels at specific times to maintain security.
- (10) Report unit readiness to conduct the mission.

b. Quartering Parties.

- (1) Personnel.
- (2) Equipment.
- (3) Duties.
- (4) Nighttime occupation.

c. Assembly Areas.

d. Tactical Road Marches.

e. Reconnaissance Missions. Fundamentals of reconnaissance include the following:

- (1) Maximum reconnaissance forward.
- (2) Orient on the reconnaissance objective.

- (3) Report all information rapidly and accurately.
- (4) Retain freedom to maneuver.
- (5) Gain and maintain enemy contact.
- (6) Develop the situation rapidly.

f. Screen Missions. Fundamentals of the screen mission are the following:

- (a) Orient on the main body.
- (b) Perform continuous reconnaissance.
- (c) Provide early and accurate warning.
- (d) Provide reaction time and maneuver space.
- (e) Maintain enemy contact,

g. Fire Support.

h. Air Defense.

- (1) Report enemy air activity.
- (2) warnings:
 - (a) White (attack not probable).
 - (b) Yellow (attack probable).
 - (c) Red (attack imminent or in progress).
- (3) Weapon control status levels:
 - (a) Weapons free.
 - (b) Weapons tight.
 - (c) Weapons hold.

i. NBC Operations.

- (1) Chemical detection teams are equipped with the following:
 - (a) MS or M8A1 alarm.
 - (b) M229 refill kit or M273 maintenance kit.

- (c) A minimum of 400 feet of WD-1/TT.
- (d) One BA-3517 battery and four BA-3030 batteries.
- (e) M256/M256A1 chemical agent detector kit with minimum of six sampler detectors.
- (f) M8/M9 detector paper.

(2) Radiological survey/monitoring teams are equipped with the following:

- (a) IM-93 dosimeters.
- (b) IM- 174 radiacmeter.
- (c) Watch.

j. Passage of Lines.

- (1) Unit commanders or their designated representatives meet at the coordination point to exchange and coordinate pertinent information.
- (2) The platoon will use the traveling technique during the passage, normally in column.

k. Limited Visibility Operations.

- (1) Leaders make sure adequate security is provided to the front and flanks.
- (2) Night vision devices and thermal imagery are helpful during limited visibility.

**ANNEX A
ALARMS**

- 1. AIR ATTACK.
- 2. CHEMICAL.
- 3. NUCLEAR (RADIATION ONLY).
- 4. ALL CLEAR.
- 5. ENEMY CONTACT (GROUND).

ANNEX B
PRECOMBAT CHECKLIST

1. INDIVIDUAL PREPARATIONS.

- a. Uniforms and equipment.
- b. "A" alert bag.
- c. Tanker's roll.
- d. "B" alert bag.
- e. "C" alert bag.
- f. Individual knowledge.
- g. Leader's packet.

2. VEHICLE PREPARATIONS.

- a. General.
- b. Automotive.
- c. Armament.

3. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

- a. Radios.
- b. Other equipment.

4. NBC EQUIPMENT.

- a. Serviceable M11 decontamination apparatus.
- b. Hasty decontamination kit.
- c. M8A1 chemical agent alarm.
- d. M256 chemical detection kit.
- e. Contamination marking sets.
- f. IM-93 or IM-147 dosimeters.
- g. P-1578A or PP-1578/PD radiac chargers.
- h. IM-174 radiacmeter.

i. AN/PDR-27 or A/VDR-2 radiac set.

j. CAMS.

5. ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT.

6. CLASS V.

ANNEX C

REPORTS

1. BLUE REPORTS (OPERATIONS).

- a. Blue 1- Spot Report (SPOTREP).
- b. Blue 2- Situation Report (SITREP).
- c. Blue 4- Report for Bridge, Overpass, Culvert, Underpass, or Tunnel (BRIDGEREP).
- d. Blue 5- Report for Ford, Ferry, or Other Crossing Site (CROSSREP).
- e. Blue 7- Route Reconnaissance Report (ROUTEREP).
- f. Blue 9- Obstacle Report.
- g. Blue 10- Bypass Report.
- h. Blue 11- Stand-to Report (STANREP).

2. GREEN REPORTS (INTELLIGENCE).

- a. Green 2- Sensitive Items Report (SENSEREP).
- b. Green 3- Splash Report.
- c. Green 4- Patrol Report.
- d. Green 5- Meaconing, Intrusion, Jamming, and Interference (MIJI) Report.
- e. Green 6- EPW/Captured Material Report.

3. YELLOW REPORTS (LOGISTICS).

- a. Yellow 1- Equipment Status Report (ESTAT).
- b. Yellow 1A - Battle Loss Spot Report.
- c. Yellow 2- Ammunition Status Report.
- d. Yellow 2A - Ammunition Request.
- e. Yellow 3- POL Status Report.
- f. Yellow 3A - POL Request.

4. RED REPORTS (PERSONNEL).

- a. Red 2- Personnel Battle Loss Report.
- b. Red 3- Medical Evacuation Request.

5. NBC REPORTS.

- a. NBC-1 - Observer's Initial Report.
- b. NBC-3 - Immediate Warning of Expected Contamination.
- c. NBC-4 - Report of Radiation Dose-Rate Measurement.
- d. NBC-5 - Report of Areas of Contamination.

ANNEX D OPERATIONAL TERMS

This annex lists and defines operational terms that can be used to shorten the length of radio transmissions. It also covers the use of spares (preplanned words or symbols that can be used as "shorthand" to further reduce message traffic) and warning codes.

ANNEX E

CONTINGENCY PLANS

1. FIVE-POINT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

- a. Personnel whom the leader will take with him.
- b. How long the leader will be gone.
- c. What to do if the leader fails to return.
- d. What to do if the leader makes enemy contact.
- e. What to do if the second in command or another element makes enemy contact.

2. LOSS OF COMMUNICATIONS.

3. DESTRUCTION OF MATERIAL.

4. HANDLING OF DECEASED PERSONNEL.

ANNEX F

COORDINATION CHECKLISTS

1. CHECKLIST 1- COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT UNITS.
2. CHECKLIST 2- ENGINEER TARGET TURNOVER MST.
3. CHECKLIST 3- RELIEF IN PLACE.
4. CHECKLIST 4- ARMY AVIATION.

ANNEX G

PATROL DEBRIEFING

1. GENERAL.
2. TYPE OF UNIT.
3. SIZE.
4. ORGANIZATION.

5. MISSION.
6. TIME OF DEPARTURE.
7. TIME OF RETURN.
8. ROUTES (out and back).
9. TERRAIN.
10. ENEMY.
11. MAP CORRECTIONS.
12. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.
13. RESULTS OF ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY (such as EPWs, KIAs, or captured documents and material).
14. PERSONNEL STATUS.
15. CONCLUSIONS/COMMENDATIONS.
16. INTERROGATOR REMARKS.
17. DISTRIBUTION.
18. CLASSIFICATION.
19. INSTRUCTIONS.
20. METHOD OF TRANSMISSION.